

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 2, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HANSBROUGH presented the following

MEMORIAL FROM THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN NORTH DAKOTA, PRAYING THAT THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO ON THE 22D DAY OF OCTOBER, 1892, BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED UNDER THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION ACT OF JULY 13, 1892, BE SPEEDILY RATIFIED AND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THEIR USE, \$1,000,000, PROMISED BY THAT AGREEMENT BE MADE.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN INDIAN RESERVATION,
Belcourt, N. Dak., March 24, 1896.

To the Congress of the United States at Washington, D. C. :

We, the undersigned, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota, most respectfully and most earnestly petition you to speedily ratify the agreement entered into on the 22d day of October, 1892, between us and your Commissioners appointed under the Indian appropriation act of July 13, 1892, and to appropriate for our use the \$1,000,000 promised by that agreement. But instead of extending the payment over a period of twenty years or doling out the money to us in such a manner that we shall derive no permanent benefit from the same, we beg that at least \$200,000 in cash may be paid us the first year, \$200,000 the second year, and \$100,000 the third year, after the ratification of the said agreement by Congress; the balance, amounting to \$500,000, to be placed to our credit, and that the whole amount of \$1,000,000 be at interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the time it is placed to our credit until paid to us. We desire these cash payments to enable us to establish permanent homes for ourselves and children, whether on the Indian reservation proper or on Government lands on which Indians are permitted to live and take up homesteads; to purchase lumber for our houses, for machinery, teams, etc., in order that we may become a self-supporting and self-respecting people and no longer a charge on the Government.

We have been waiting, expecting, and hoping for an adjustment of our affairs by the Government, and have been unable, for want of sufficient means, to establish permanent homes for ourselves or do more than eke out a scanty existence. We claim that we are now better prepared to advance with the present times and take upon ourselves the responsibilities of citizenship together with our white brothers, and consequently should have these cash payments to enable us to accomplish what we have herein set forth.

First by right of occupancy and possession—a valid title always recognized by the United States Government in dealing with the Indians of this country—and afterwards by title still more firmly established by our treaties with the Sioux and other Indians and by solemn treaties with the United States Government, we were the rightful owners

of at least 9,000,000 acres of land in the Turtle Mountain country, bounded by the British Possessions and the Missouri River on the north and west, and on the east and south by the lines described in the treaties of 1851 and 1867. We have always been peaceable and friendly with the United States Government, and now that natural changes have made us dependent on the soil for a living and on the sale of our lands to assist us, the Government without our consent has taken possession of our land and allowed its white children to occupy the same, and, so far, without compensation to us.

We therefore beg that this \$1,000,000, which is certainly not an unreasonable amount, being only about 10 cents per acre, be appropriated for our use and benefit and distributed as above requested at an early date.

We further petition and beg that in addition to the two townships set apart for us by Executive order, dated June 3, 1894, composing townships 162, ranges 70 and 71 west, the following townships, viz, township 162, range 72 west, and township 161, ranges 70, 71, and 72 west; and also that permission be given us to take up homesteads outside of our reservation without cost to us and without having to pay taxes on the same for a period of twenty-five years, in order that we be placed on a par with those Indians taking up land on reservations proper as is customary.

We claim that in the adjustment of our affairs we should be compensated for a tract of country lying between our southern boundary lines, described by your Commissioners, Porter J. McCumber, John W. Wilson, and W. Woodville Flemming, and the real southern boundary line of our land, as recognized in a treaty made about 1861 between the Chippewa and Sioux Indians and described as follows, viz: Commencing at the mouth of Goose River, thence up the most southern fork of said river to its source, thence in a direct west line to the Sheyenne River, thence up the Sheyenne River to Dogs Den Butte, thence to a point on the Missouri River within gunshot sound of Little Knife River.

We further claim that the 100,000 cords of wood used by the military troops at Fort Totten, N. Dak., from 1867 to 1892, for which the Sioux Indians are asking pay, was cut on the land above claimed by us, and that the money for said wood should be paid to us.

We further claim that the Great Northern Railway Company should be compelled to pay us for our land used by that company in its right of way across our territory.

Kakenewash, his x mark, seal.
Anakonika, his x mark, seal.
Antonie Wilkie, his x mark, seal.
Akeweniro (J. B. Laterregrass), seal.
M. J. Rolette, seal.
John B. Trucott, his x mark, seal.
Mathews Lafranbois, his x mark, seal.
Albert Wilkie, his x mark, seal.
Alex. Gowmean, his x mark, seal.
Dan Turcott, seal.
William Frederick, his x mark, seal.
Frank Dalatour, seal.
Abraham Henle, his x mark, seal.
Charles Poitra, 2d, his x mark, seal.
Boniface Parisier, his x mark, seal.
Theodore Brien, his x mark, seal.
Gabriel Wilkie, his x mark, seal.
Peter McLoud, his x mark, seal.
Daniel Grant, his x mark, seal.

Ed. R. Rolette, seal.
Elise Schindler, seal.
Jaynes Peltier, his x mark, seal.
Dictor Peltier, his x mark, seal.
Herbert Belgard, his x mark, seal.
Ambrose Divier, his x mark, seal.
Maxim Demontigue, his x mark, seal.
Antoin Brien, his x mark, seal.
Alexander Brien, jr., his x mark, seal.
Joseph Brien, his x mark, seal.
Daniel Jerome, sr., his x mark, seal.
Edward Herman, his x mark, seal.
Henry Herman, his x mark, seal.
Louis Delorme, his x mark, seal.
Alexandre Wilkie, seal.
Octave Lapantoine, seal.
Gabriel Azure, jr., seal.
Gabriel Azure, sr., his x mark, seal.
Joseph Lafranbois, 2d, his x mark, seal.

Antoine Cloutier, his x mark, seal.
 Jonas Azure, his x mark, seal.
 Jenoir Brien, his x mark, seal.
 Pascal Montond, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Thomas, his x mark, seal.
 Francois Montreil, his x mark, seal.
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 Francois Anyotte, his x mark, seal.
 J. B. Decontean, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Fredrick, his x mark, seal.
 Archibol Akin, his x mark, seal.
 John Akin, his x mark, seal.
 Patrice Decontean, his x mark, seal.
 Alexander Decontean, his x mark, seal.
 Andrew Decontean, his x mark, seal.
 Bertholemew Peltier, his x mark, seal.
 Katakawabtang, his x mark, seal.
 Tepis ko keji kok wenni, his x mark, seal.
 Wanapi, his x mark, seal.
 Julian Sefort, seal.
 Alexander Lucier, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Bruce, his x mark, seal.
 Kakapiniis, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Ladouceur, seal.
 Menneweweays, seal.
 Augustin Miller J., his x mark, seal.
 Alexander Herman, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Douthinois, his x mark, seal.
 Baptist Peltier, his x mark, seal.
 Mepeta Rezik, his x mark, seal.
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 Napoleon Lotind, his x mark, seal.
 Alx. Latreille, his x mark, seal.
 Baptiste Ducepp, his x mark, seal.
 Pierre Ducepte, his x mark, seal.
 Mrs. George Gardner, her x mark, seal.
 Mrs. J. Bruce, her x mark, seal.
 Alx. St. Arnault, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Smith, his x mark, seal.
 Israel Smith, his x mark, seal.
 Louis Lefontaine, his x mark, seal.
 Maximo Landry, his x mark, seal.
 William Warren, his x mark, seal.
 Charles Dauphinois, his x mark, seal.
 St. Pierre Anyotte, his x mark, seal.
 André Allain, jr., his x mark, seal.
 Guzzone Brien, his x mark, seal.
 Patrice Allain, his x mark, seal.
 André Allain, sr., his x mark, seal.
 Napolion Allan, his x mark, seal.
 Simion Charrette, his x mark, seal.
 Pierre Lissotto, his x mark, seal.
 Baptist Allarn, his x mark, seal.
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 J. B. Wilkie, 2d, his x mark, seal.
 Napoleon Turcott, his x mark, seal.
 Augustin Wilkie, sr., his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Wilkie, his x mark, seal.
 Johnny Luchamp, his x mark, seal.
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 Unknown, his x mark, seal.
 Stenosla Laverdure, his x mark, seal.
 Baptist Allarn, 2d, his x mark, seal.
 Napolion Landry, his x mark, seal.
 Cuthbert Patten, his x mark, seal.
 Madeleine Patten, her x mark, seal.
 Penamkowetewat, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Gomneau, sr., his x mark, seal.
 Henry Ducept, his x mark, seal.

Wisekeka, his x mark, seal.
 John B. Azure, his x mark, seal.
 Modeste Capolette, his x mark, seal.
 Alexcis Laverdure, his x mark, seal.
 Pemewetang, his x mark, seal.
 Moses Walletha, his x mark.
 Miskomakow, his x mark, seal.
 Manakawekopo, his x mark, seal.
 Thomas Tefault, his x mark, seal.
 Mrs. Peter Charbonou, her x mark, seal.
 Jaque Belgard, his x mark, seal.
 Francois Bercier, his x mark, seal.
 John Blackbird, his x mark, seal.
 Peter Lakat, his x mark, seal.
 Gabriel Azure, 1, his x mark, seal.
 Thomas Thomas, his x mark, seal.
 John B. Langer, his x mark, seal.
 Pierre Lanfontain, his x mark, seal.
 Marcis Lafronbois, his x mark, seal.
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 J. B. Grout, his x mark, seal.
 Alex. J. Jerome, seal.
 Daniel Jerome, jr., seal.
 J. B. Laframboise, his x mark, seal.
 St. Math. Jerome, his x mark, seal.
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 Joseph Grant, his x mark, seal.
 Francois Digalais, jr., his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Kifin, his x mark, seal.
 Francois Langer, his x mark, seal.
 Pierre Grant, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Short, his x mark, seal.
 Ambrose Mallette, his x mark, seal.
 Moses Azure, his x mark, seal.
 Joseph Henry, seal.
 Joseph Madeau, his x mark, seal.
 Gilbert Belgarde, his x mark, seal.
 Gabriel Beauchemin, his x mark, seal.
 J. B. Latterregress, jr., seal.
 Joseph Langer, his x mark, seal.
 Louis Gourmeau, his x mark, seal.
 Louis Thomas, his x mark, seal.
 Antoine Azure, his x mark, seal.
 Francois Azure, his x mark, seal.
 Ozawakeas, his x mark, seal.
 Anawekijokap, his x mark, seal.
 Kawetawinin, his x mark, seal.
 John Brunelle, his x mark, seal.
 Mrs. V. Roi, her x mark, seal.
 Louis Belgarde, his x mark, seal.
 J. K. Wilkes, No. 1, seal.
 Bazil Belgarde, his x mark, seal.
 William Grant, seal.
 Moses Decontean, his x mark, seal.
 Moses Lapiere, his x mark, seal.
 John Hayes, his x mark, seal.
 Antoine Houle, his x mark, seal.
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 Elzeard McLoud, his x mark, seal.
 Christina Charlebois, seal.
 Alex. Bruce, his x mark, seal.
 Francois Boscar, his x mark, seal.
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 Kapacin, his x mark, seal.
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 Amicons, his x mark, seal.
 Petwewetang, his x mark, seal.
 She-she-we-konap, his x mark, seal.
 Kejikqua-ta-poctag, his x mark, seal.

Penise-kape-ge-kat, his x mark, seal.
 Mechil Allan, his x mark, seal.
 Michil Demorrais, his x mark, seal.
 Louis Annyotte, his x mark, seal.
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 Ano-ke-che-kwep, his x mark, seal.
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 Puyat, his x mark, seal.
 Mish-hwan-kuy, his x mark, seal.
 Sa-kun-a-ko-skung, his x mark, seal.
 Oza-wa-ko-no-ya, his x mark, seal.
 Ka-twa-hu-ta-ta-wat, his x mark, seal.
 Pepe-wa-na-hirk, his x mark, seal.
 John Baptist Azure, No. 2, his x mark, seal.
 Peter Payer, his x mark, seal.
 Elie Oioier, his x mark, seal.
 Wm. Grant, No. 2, his x mark, seal.
 Andre Dejarlais, his x mark, seal.
 Octave Renville, his x mark, seal.
 Alexis Montreil, his x mark, seal.
 Portia Lafrombois, her x mark, seal.
 Mary Jollie, her x mark, seal.
 Corni, his x mark, seal.
 Ota-yan-ge-quana-pik, his x mark, seal.
 Ka-ka-ke-pejiki, his x mark, seal.
 Abraham Allery, his x mark, seal.
 Moses Dion, his x mark, seal.

Baptiste Morin, his x mark, seal.
 Alfred Morin, his x mark, seal.
 Bernhardt Coule, his x mark, seal.
 Chaka-sung, his x mark, seal.
 Ekos, his x mark, seal.
 Ka-pite-ko-way, his x mark, seal.
 Andre Morin, sr., his x mark, seal.
 Jenor Lafontaine, his x mark, seal.
 Marie Louise LeBrun, seal.
 Met-wea-ya-sing, his x mark, seal.
 Antoine Berthelette, his x mark, seal.
 Alphonso St. Grait, his x mark, seal.
 Alexander Azure, his x mark, seal.
 Alexander Caplett, his x mark, seal.
 Cuthbert Henle, his x mark, seal.
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 Alex Peltier, his x mark, seal.
 Paul Peltier, his x mark, seal.
 Ellen Peltier, her x mark, seal.
 Baptist Peltier, his x mark, seal.
 Adolphus Peltier, his x mark, seal.
 Eugene Pipin, his x mark, seal.
 Caroline Smith, her x mark, seal.
 Zachary Smith, his x mark, seal.
 Mrs. Joseph Henle, sr., her x mark, seal.
 Joseph Rolette, seal.
 Alex Morin, his x mark, seal.
 Alex Marble, his x mark, seal.

Certificate of Indian agent.

OFFICE INDIAN AGENT TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF
 CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN NORTH DAKOTA,
Belcourt, N. Dak., March 24, 1896.

I, Ralph Hall, agent of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota, do hereby certify that at a general council, full and timely notice having first been given and held in accordance therewith, at this agency on the 24th day of March, 1896, at which council a majority of all the male adult Indians of said band were present and participated, the foregoing petition to Congress, relative to the ratification of a certain agreement on the 22d day of October, 1892, between said Indians and a Commission appointed under the Indian appropriation act of July 13, 1892, and various other matters, was read, interpreted, and fully explained to said Indians by Joseph Rolette, interpreter, all in my presence, and said petition was then and there agreed to and fully adopted and passed in council by said Indians, which petition represents the wishes of the majority of the male adults of the said Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota.

Witness my hand this 24th day of March, 1896.

RALPH HALL,
United States Indian Agent.

Certificate of interpreter.

I, Joseph Rolette, do hereby certify that I acted as interpreter for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota, at a general council held by them on the 24th day of March, 1896, at Belcourt, N. Dak., and that a majority of all the adult male Indians of said band were present, and that I interpreted and fully explained the foregoing petition to Congress, and that after said interpretation and explanation it was agreed to and passed by them.

Witness my hand, this 24th day of March, 1896.

JOSEPH ROLETTE, *Interpreter.*